

The Shelton State Songbook

A Collection of Songs

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A Shelton State Song

These words are sung to the tune of TRANQUILITY (refrain only) by James Mountain.
Found in Celebration Hymnal, 1997 edition: "Jesus, I am resting, resting," p. 741.

Shelton State, our home of learning.
Hurting world, we must address.
With your guidance, wisdom, knowledge,
We will know success.

Shelton State, a vibrant college,
Shining star among the rest.
I will Thank You, Shelton, as I
Go and do my best.

Shelton State, our alma mater,
We will face and meet the test.
Always striving, learning, growing,
We will be our best.

Alabama, changing, growing.
People rise and make you great.
Using wisdom, knowledge, training,
Learned at Shelton State.

A Gift to Me from Shelton State

Sung to the hymn tune, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." Tune: Dominus Regit Me.

Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, p 215.

Found in Celebration Hymnal, 1997 edition, p 683.

**Those friendships true that stay with you
We all appreciate.
A smile, a laugh, the fun we knew.
A gift to me from Shelton State.**

**The teachers there do really care
Through teaching they relate
The knowledge and the skills I need.
A gift to me from Shelton State.**

**I'm learning, growing as I go,
That I appreciate.
I'm learning skills I need to know.
A gift to me from Shelton State.**

**All members of one family,
The Shelton family.
From prejudice we've been set free.
We're free to be all we can be.**

**Come join with me, walk by my side,
The halls of Shelton State.
A college that's diversified,
A college that is really great.**

**An education you'll receive
And that you'll find first rate.
The teachers there in you believe.
A gift to me from Shelton State.**

**We're free to be all we can be.
Our future can be great.
As we step forth with our degree.
A gift to me from Shelton State.**

**A graduate from Shelton State,
In that I do take pride.
This college did illuminate
My life, and will in me abide.**

A Greater Alabama

Sung to the tune of "Sometimes A Light Surprises." Tune: LLANFYLLIN, Traditional Welsh melody, 1865.
 Words written for different tune in Baptist Hymnal, copyright 1975, hymn 221.
 (Meter 7.6.7.6)

Also may use "Lead On O King Eternal"

**A greater Alabama
 A dream that we all share.
 This is a place of learning
 To help us to prepare**

Refrain: **Lead on, O place of learning.
 Lead Alabama fair.
 Lead on to opportunity
 For people everywhere.**

**A college that will motivate
 And people educate.
 There's such a place of learning.
 Its name is Shelton State.**

Refrain: **Lead on, O place of learning.
 Lead Alabama fair.
 Lead on to opportunity
 For people everywhere.**

**A college to illuminate
 The minds of our great state.
 A college that will stimulate
 Students to be first-rate.**

Refrain: **Lead on, O place of learning.
 Lead Alabama fair.
 Lead on to opportunity
 For people everywhere.**

**Where futures are not limited
 Or learning constraining.
 A school with studies technical
 And up-to-date training.**

Refrain: **Lead on, O place of learning.
 Lead Alabama fair.
 Lead on to opportunity
 For people everywhere.**

Alabama College System

Sung to the tune of "Be Thou My Vision." Tune: SLANE, traditional Irish melody.

Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, p 212.

Found in Celebration Hymnal, 1997 edition, p 562.

**Rise up, Alabama, move forward today
In education -- rise up, break away
From those who would settle for little success.
Rise up, lead the nation, give our students the best.**

**Rise up, College System, move forward today
Training our people that they may then stay
In Alabama to work and to live
In Alabama, great service to give.**

**Rise up, College System, step forward today
Meeting the challenges now come what may.
Frequent poor funding may be a real test.
Yet you will find a way we can still be our best.**

**Two-Year College System, move forward today
Training with excellence students that they
May make a better future for all in this state.
May make a better place where more jobs will locate.**

Listen to the Music

Sung to the tune of "Lead On, O King Eternal." Tune name: [LANCASHIRE](#) (1835).

Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, p 410.

(Meter 7.6.7.6)

Found in Celebration Hymnal, 1997 edition, p 724.

Found in Songs of Faith and Praise Hymnal, 1994 edition, pp 297 and 411.

**Hark, listen to the music at Shelton State today.
The Shelton choir is singing a song that does convey
A message of great confidence, a message of great pride
In Alabama's students, in Bama's Crimson Tide.**

**O, listen to the music at Shelton this good day.
Strong voices now are singing a message I relay.
A message of our freedom, a song of liberty.
Belief still in our nation, and in democracy.**

**Come, listen to the music at Shelton State today.
Shelton students singing, and this is what they say.
Commitment to equality, and opportunity
Is Shelton State's great mission in this, its' jubilee.**

Alternate final line: **Is Shelton State's great mission for all humanity.**

O for the Beauty of This Place

Sung to the tune of "Give Me the Wings of Faith." Tune name: SIMS.
Words written for tune in Baptist Hymnal, copyright 1975, p 498.
(Meter 8.6.8.6)

**O for the beauty of this place
I thank you, Shelton State.
The trees so cool, the grass so green
Make learning here so great.**

**I see the beauty of this place
And then my spirit soars.
When I am sad or need a lift
My spirit it restores.**

**I walk along the lake so cool
And see the fountain spray.
I hear the bells from the clock tow'r
I am refreshed today.**

**Come walk around the campus grounds
And let your spirit soar.
Lay cares aside, let worries hide
Be better than before.**

**How grateful I, to nature for
The beauty that I see.
And as I learn, mature and grow
May beauty be in me.**

**O, for the beauty around me
I touch and smell and see.
I really do appreciate
My day at Shelton State.**

O Shelton State, My Place of Learning

Sung to the tune of "Jerusalem, My Happy Home." Tune: LAND OF REST, American Folk Hymn.
Written for "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" version in the Baptist Hymnal, copyright 1975, hymn 488.

**O Shelton State, my place of learning
O Shelton State, my pride.
Where'er I roam, for thee I'm yearning.
It's thee, I carry inside.**

**What 'er I am or I become
My Shelton, you've had a part.
I'm never far from my place of learning.
I carry you in my heart.**

**O noble Shelton, may you continue
To educate anew.
Help make a better life for many
And to your mission be true.**

**Yes, All are welcome at Shelton State.
-- All are welcome here.
Come young or old, come rich or poor.
Shelton -- the learning frontier.**

**Yes, Shelton is the people's college.
Yes, Shelton is for all.
There's something here for everyone.
At Shelton, your future calls.**

Repeat last music line:

(At Shelton, you can stand tall.)

Rise Up, O Shelton State

Sung to the tune of "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," or "Rise Up, O Men of God." Tune: [St. Thomas](#) (1763).

Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, pp 240 and 268.

Found in Celebration Hymnal, 1997 edition, pp 65, 405, and 433.

Found in Songs of Faith and Praise Hymnal, 1994 edition, p 557.

**Rise up, O Shelton State
Rise up to educate.
A people pegged for leadership
To make Alabama great.**

**Rise up, O Shelton State
And train our students well.
Employers surely indicate
Our students do excel.**

**Go forth, O Shelton State
To meet the future test.
A message to your graduates:
Go forth and be your best.**

Questions

Sung to the tune of "When All Thy Mercies, O My God." Tune: EVAN (1847).
Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, p. 468.

**Where shall I learn real leadership?
Where does my future wait?
Where shall I learn about success?
I know – at Shelton State.**

**Where shall I find diversity?
Where do new friends await?
Where shall I find acceptance true?
I know – at Shelton State.**

**Where can a wheelchair person find
A place to learn and grow?
Complete access to everywhere?
At Shelton State, I know.**

**Where can I now find real success
Though handicapped I be?
Where can I learn to be my best?
It's Shelton State for me.**

**Where can I gain real confidence
In others and in me?
Where can I speak before my peers
And be all I can be?**

**Where can I meet a lifelong friend
Or possibly a mate?
Or meet someone I'd like to date"
I might – at Shelton State.**

**Where can I find a college true
Where prejudice is dead?
Where one is judged by who he is
And there's no fear or dread.**

**Where can I find a teacher who
Will help a slow one learn?
Who sees in me potential rare
And can my needs discern.**

Where can I find instruction real
That meets my learning needs?
'Prepare me for the world of work?
-- Shelton State succeeds.

Is there a place where one can learn
Training that's up to date?
Not juvenile, but adult style?
There is -- at Shelton State.

Where can a grown-up guy return
And learn a new career
Where one can work -- a living earn?
-- Shelton State is here!

Spoken line:	Is there a college I can find
Sung line:	To meet my learning need?
	Devoted to see me succeed?
	(I'll say this to remind.)
	-- Shelton State's just fine!

Shelton Spirit

Sung to the tune of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Tune: [EIN' FESTE BURG](#), Martin Luther, 1529.

Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, p 37.

Found in Celebration Hymnal, 1997 edition, p 151.

Found in Songs of Faith and Praise Hymnal, 1994 edition, p 10.

Tune is widely available.

**O Shelton Spirit in me dwell
And doubt and fear in me dispel.
Always the best in me compel,
And in this life I shall do well.
Step forth to run life's race.
The business world embrace.
Challenges I will face.
Step forth and take my place.
With Shelton's Spirit I will excel.**

The Clock Tower

Sung to the tune of "Morning Has Broken." Tune name: [Bunessan](#), a traditional Gaelic melody.
Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, pp 84 and 151.
Found in Celebration Hymnal, 1997 edition, p 465.

**Tower of time and
Tower of beauty
Symbol of strength and stability.
Beacon of hope for
West Alabama
Beacon of hope for
My family.**

**Come now and listen,
Strong bells are ringing
Sounding a song of our jubilee.
Sounds of our heritage
Sounds of our freedom
Sounds of real beauty
For you and me.**

**Sun is now setting
Evening is coming
Providing rest for humanity.
Look, there is shining
Light from the tower.
Dispelling darkness
So all can see.**

**Even at night
The sentinel tower
Watches o'er Shelton's facility.
Just like the tower
We must be watching
Over our freedom
And liberty.**

**Shelton's clock tower
Looks to the future
For Alabama
Triumphantly.
Beacon to learning
For all the people.
A better life
For you and for me.**

Why Should I Go to Shelton State?

Sung to the tune of "Spread, O Spread the Mighty Word." Tune name: [Gott sei Dank](#) (1704).
Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, p 284.

**What can I give to my home town?
Tus-ca-loos-a, my home town.
I can prepare for service great.
In this scenic, southern state.**

**I can prepare for service great.
In Alabama, my home state.
In Tus-ca-loos-a, my home town.
Learning much at Shelton State.**

**Why should I go to Shelton State?
To help me know which path to take.
To a career that I create
And my life illuminate.**

**Why should I go to Shelton State?
Classes and teachers there are great.
Technical careers are all first rate.
Two years, then I graduate.**

**Diversity at Shelton State
New friends I make with my classmates.
People and cultures I now know
Enrich life as on I go.**

**Why should I go to Shelton State?
For many people it's the gate.
To a profession or career.
Onward to a new frontier!**

Shelton, College of My Choice

Sung to the tune of "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love." Tune: CARLSON.
 Written to be sung to "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, hymn 74.
 (Meter 7.7.7.7)

**Shelton, college of my choice
 Speaking out with one strong voice.
 Education is one key
 To a better life for me.**

**Shelton, place to learn about
 Alabama's state throughout.
 The fine people who live here
 As neighbors and friends sincere.**

**Shelton, place of harmony,
 Friendship and maturity.
 Place to lay prejudice aside
 Where respect and love abide.**

**Shelton, freedom just to be
 Valuing diversity.
 Each is special in his way,
 Worthy of respect each day.**

**Shelton, place for human kind.
 Place unique where one will find
 Strength in our diversity.
 Differences in you and me.**

**Shelton, place that values all
 Individuality.
 Everyone is welcome here
 In a learning atmosphere.**

Repeat:

**Shelton, college of my choice
 Speaking out with one strong voice.
 Education is one key
 To a better life for me.**

Students of Shelton

Sung to the tune of 'Crown Him With Many Crowns.' Tune: [Diademata](#).

Found in Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, pp 52 and 406.

Found in Celebration Hymnal, 1997 edition, pp 45 and 723.

Found in Songs of Faith and Praise Hymnal, 1994 edition, pp 131, 193, and 305.

Tune is widely available.

**Students of Shelton rise
And take your rightful place
In business and society,
Among the human race.
Step up to seize the day.
Go forward come what may.
Accept the challenge, gain success
Along Life's higher way.**

**Students of Shelton know
That onward as you go
Your education, come what may,
Will serve you well today.
And not just for today,
But in the future, too.
The things you've learned, you'll build upon
And make this world anew.**

**Students of Shelton sing
For to the world you bring
Your skills, ideas, and energy
To tackle anything.
Though challenges will come
From them you'll never run.
You'll solve the problems, overcome,
Until the victory's won.**

**Students of Shelton go
And true compassion show
That all mankind may live in peace
And brotherhood may flow.
In confidence reach out
In love, without a doubt.
A greater world and nation grow.
Rise up and onward go.**

**Students of Shelton go
In understanding grow
Of human worth and dignity,
Of life and harmony.
A difference you will make
In others as you take
Respect for people seriously,
And selfishness forsake.**

**Students of Shelton stand
Rise up and take command.
The future's bright as you respect
The freedoms of our land.
America today
Needs leaders every day.
O Shelton students rise to play
Your role on life's highway.**

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Christmas Time at Shelton

Sing to the tune of "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

When it's Christmas time at Shelton
Cheer is never far away
Operation Santa Claus is bringing hope today
Shelton Singers with their music
Fill the Atrium with song
Christmas trees beside the stairway
Where they both belong
Luminaries line the driveway
Shining light for all to see
Placed in grateful, loving memory
By our Shelton family
May these days bring joy and blessing
And the friends we're thinking of
May this Christmas time at Shelton
Fill our hearts with love

Shelton Luminaries

To be sung to the tune of "A Communion Hymn for Christmas." Celebration Hymnal 1997, p 287
 Another source for music: Baptist Hymnal 2008 p 402

Luminaries glowing
 On the front driveway
 Telling all who see them
 It's a special day
 Day of fond remembrance
 Of those gone before
 Thinking of the good times
 Wishing there were more

Luminaries glowing
 Warm our hearts once more
 We remember friendships
 Times that are no more
 Mem'ries warm our spirits
 On this cold dark night
 Find ourselves still longing
 For the home hearth's light

Shelton Luminaries
 May you long shine bright

Bringing hope and blessings

At this College site

College of the People

We are here to say

May you long serve people

Walking life's highway

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The Shelton Library

To be sung to the tune of "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"
 Found in the Baptist Hymnal (1975), hymn 26
 Tune: Old 134th
 This tune is widely available

The Shelton Li-bra-ry

Each day is there for me

A place to search and find and know

A place where minds can grow

A place to feed the mind

Cause ignorance to flee

Find knowledge that will dispel hate

And set your spirit free

Here you'll encounter life

Its stories and debates

Its mysteries and won-ders true

There's so much here for you

So much is here for you

In print and online, too

Encounter life, set your mind free

In Shelton's Li-bra-ry

From his-tr'y to folklore
To literature and more
Encounter life, let your mind soar
There's so much to explore

The answers are found here
To questions that you have
On life and work and right and wrong
Knowledge will make you strong

The information's here
For all to find and see
Knowledge will give li-ter-a-cy
In Shelton's Li-bra-ry